**Expenses survey: column headings**

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| **Col name** | **Question** | **Item** | **Notes** |
| Block Order |  |  | Specifies whether participants were in the Control group or Experimental treatment 1, 2 or 3. |
| 4A / 8A / 10A / 12A | To what extent do you agree that… 1= strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = neither agree nor disagree 4= agree 5 = strongly agree | I trust the current government in Westminster to do what is right |  |
| 4B / 8B / 10B / 12B | I trust the current Prime Minister to act in the best interests of people in the UK |  |
| 4C / 8C / 10C / 12C | I trust my local MP to represent my constituency |  |
| 4D / 8D / 10D / 12D | MPs are too easily influenced by the rich and powerful | Should be reverse coded |
| 4E / 8E / 10E / 12E | MPs are guided by public, rather than private, interests |  |
| 4F / 8F / 10F / 12F | MPs understand the needs of people like me |  |
| 4G / 8G / 10G / 12G | Most MPs don't have the right skills to do the job | Should be reverse coded |
| 5 - Q19 | On average, how much do you think each MP claims in expenses per year? Please make your best guess if you are not sure. | [free response] | Only participants in the control group were asked this question (after the trust battery). Other participants were told the value earlier in the survey. |
| 6 – Q207 – Q209 – Q2011 – Q20 | In general, do you think MPs' expenses claims are too high, too low or about right? | 1 = Much too low2 = Somewhat too low3 = About right4 = Somewhat too high5 = Much too high |  |
| 13 - Q18 | How interested would you say you are in politics? | 1 = Very interested2 = Quite interested3 = Hardly interested4 = Not at all interested |  |
| 14 – Q20 | Which political party appeals to you most? | 1 = Conservative Party2 = Labour Party3 = Liberal Democrats4 = Green Party5 = Reform UK6 = Scottish National Party7 = Plaid Cymru8 = Democratic Unionist Party9 = Sinn Féin10 = None11 = Other (please specify) |  |
| Column2 | Free text response to ‘Other (please specify)’ above |  |
| 15 – Q21 | How did you vote in the UK European Union Membership referendum (the 'Brexit' referendum) in 2016? | 1 = Voted 'Leave'2 = Voted 'Remain'3 = Spoilt ballot paper4 = Did not vote5 = Was not eligible to vote6 = Don't know/not sure7 = Prefer not to say |  |
| 16 – Q13 | Which of these describes your personal income last year? | 1 = Below £20,0002 = £20,000 - £39,000 3 = £40,000 - £59,000 4 = £60,000 - £79,000 5 = £80,000 - £99,000 6 = £100,000 - £119,000 7= £120,000 - £139,000 8 = Above £139,000 9 = Prefer not to answer |  |
| 17 – Q14 | Do you have experience of claiming expenses to cover additional work-related costs (e.g. travel)? | 1 = Yes, I have claimed expenses in my current job or in a previous role2 = No, I have never made an expenses claim3 = Not sure |  |
| 18 – Q23 | What is the highest level of education you have completed? | 1 = Secondary education (e.g. GCSEs or equivalent)2 = Technical/community college3 = Sixth form (‘A’ levels or similar)4 = Undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc)5 = Master’s Degree6 = Doctorate7 = Other | This question was added after the survey was tested so does not appear in the survey printout. |

Additional columns contain data provided by Prolific (the online survey platform) and are self-explanatory